

# EDITORIALS

## Leaders Honored

Two of Torrance's earliest community leaders have been honored by their fellow citizens this week by tributes which many feel was overdue.

Sam Levy, a Torrance merchant and a leader in humanitarian work in the community since 1919, has been named the city's distinguished citizen for 1956.

Dr. Arthur P. Stevenson, who has completed 50 years of service to his fellow man as a physician and surgeon, has received a special award from his neighbors through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, an award citing his contribution to the welfare of Torrance during the many years he has practiced medicine here.

To both of these men, the HERALD extends its heartfelt congratulations and the thanks of the community which has benefited from their efforts.

In Mr. Levy's case, his uncounted contributions to the welfare of his neighbors coupled with his unparalleled leadership in campaigning for community projects regardless of the faith or creed of those seeking community support has endeared him to the hearts of thousands.

Selection of Mr. Levy for this honor came after his name was put in nomination by several persons. His nomination and others were then screened by a committee composed of Mrs. Grover C. Whyte and Mrs. William I. Laughon, originators of the award; and the past winners of the award, Mervin M. Schwab, Paul Loranger, and Dean L. Sears. Final selection was made by a committee whose members remain anonymous.

## It's The Law!

Food for thought for Torrance parents was offered this week by the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, as it sent home a pamphlet informing parents of the laws regarding behavior of youngsters.

"Are you delinquent in your responsibility as a parent?" the PTA bulletin inquires, but goes on to point out that in some cases youngsters get involved in trouble because they and their parents are not acquainted with the law.

With juvenile delinquency an oft-discussed problem, the PTA's emphasis on the law may be an eye-opener to some parents. The bulletin points out the following requirements, many of them by state and local law:

**CURFEW:** Juveniles are forbidden to loiter on the street or in other public places 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., unless accompanied by an adult. Parents who allow their children to be out are subject to prosecution, under a Torrance ordinance.

**LOITERING AROUND SCHOOLS:** Persons who loiter about schools or other public places where there are school children are vagrant, under state law. Children should use supervised recreation facilities at parks or schools. Parents are urged to act as group leaders wherever possible.

**DRIVERS' LICENSES:** No license may be issued to anyone under 16. Licenses are required for any motor vehicle on the streets, including motor scooters and motor bikes. Parents may sign drivers' applications of their children, under California's Vehicle Code, but are liable for any mishaps.

**WEAPONS:** Sale of fire-arms, ammunition, or spring-back knives to persons under 18 is forbidden. Youngsters under 18 are forbidden to carry or use any of these, under Torrance ordinance.

**PARENT LIABILITY:** Any misconduct of the youngster which results in any property damage, including schools, leaves the parents liable for expenses up to \$300, under state law. Students who damage school property are subject to suspension or expulsion.

**PARTIES:** Hold invitations parties only to avoid party crashing. Group activities are best at parties and keep the lights on. Parents should stay home. Giving or selling alcohol to minors is punishable by a \$500 fine or jail sentence or both, under state law.

**TOBACCO:** Under state law, smoking or having tobacco on school property may result in the student's expulsion or suspension. It is also illegal to sell or give tobacco to anyone under 18.

**POOL HALLS:** It is illegal for anyone to allow a minor to play pool, billiards, or bowl anywhere in Torrance, under city ordinance. Minors include girls under 18 and boys under 21.

Junior court jurisdiction extends to anyone under 21 who has no parent or guardian willing or capable of exercising control over him or her. Anyone can petition juvenile court on any violations.

"YOU'VE GOT TO REDUCE!"



## Yeah, But Which Brother?



AFTER HOURS by John Morley

## Notes on the Gaza Strip

Probably up to a few months ago the average citizen had never heard of the "Gaza Strip." As a result of the crisis on the Egyptian-Israeli frontiers, Gaza is in the headlines in a big way with the customary misinformation and emotions involved in discussing such controversial areas. Both Egypt and Israel claim Gaza for different reasons. Both Egypt and Israel are in error in their claims on Gaza, for Gaza actually belongs to neither.

We have covered Gaza repeatedly since the Arab-Israeli armistice in 1949. We plan to return to Gaza again this summer on our way to the Far East from Russia. As we know the Gaza strip, it's a small area of land along the Mediterranean about 25 miles long and at its widest part is less than eight miles. It is all that remains of old Palestine after the partition between Arab and Jew.

Probably 70 per cent of the Gaza strip is absolutely worthless... nothing but shifting sand dunes and utter waste. The remaining 20 per cent around the water holes produce a fair variety of melons, dates and citrus. This is hardly sufficient to feed some 300,000 people, about two-thirds of whom are Palestinian refugees displaced by the war and rendered homeless. Why then, all the present crisis about this desolate piece of real estate with the additional human problem involved?

of embittered displaced Palestinian Arabs. It is principally because of these Egyptian organized raids that Israel launched its successful attack upon Egypt last fall. It is now of the utmost importance that Egypt refrain from again militarizing the Gaza strip. For whatever the pros or cons of Israel's October invasion of Egypt, Israel had ample cause for complaint about Egypt's illegal use of the Gaza strip for attacks upon her citizens on the border, and violations of the armistice agreement. We have seen evidence of these atrocities.

After the recent cease fire the UNEF (United Nations Emergency Force) occupied the Gaza strip to police the area for an undetermined time. However, President Nasser is seeking to limit this UNEF occupation to a line along the Gaza-Israel frontier, stretching to the Gulf of Aqaba, instead of the present area along the Mediterranean to Egypt.

It appears regrettable at this juncture that the UN resolution setting up the emergency force for the Near East did not more explicitly outline a permanent role for its policing Gaza. Under the original 1947 UN agreement, Egypt was given the right to occupy Gaza and it is this legal right that Egypt is trying to enforce. At the time of this 1947 agreement it was assumed that Gaza would be placed under Egyptian sovereignty as a part of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, which never materialized.

In our opinion, the Gaza strip is important to Israel merely as a buffer or defense point against its frontier. It was from Gaza that Israel was attacked by land and sea. In some nine years of Egyptian occupation, the Fedayeen fanatical raids penetrated deep into Israeli soil. Israel retaliated with war and drove the Arabs out of Gaza. The UN intervened with the recent armistice and called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza under the assumption that the United Nations would administer the Gaza strip pending a peace settlement.

But Egypt, applying the 1947 UN mandate on Gaza appointed a major general as governor of Gaza, who now is administering "the strip" instead of UNEF. It is this Egyptian move that has aggravated the situation once more in Gaza. As Israel sees it, the UN must police the Gaza strip to enforce the armistice agreement which "prohibits any hostile acts by land, sea or air, and irregular forces (such as the Fedayeen) or military forces of both Egypt or Israel from occupying Gaza."

It appears to us that since the United Nations intervened in the Gaza crisis by calling for the withdrawal of Israeli forces and restoring Egyptian administration, it is now up to the UN to see to it that Egypt lives up to the armistice agreement and to make every effort toward a permanent solution involving Gaza. Anything less would constitute a danger to peace in the Near East.

## LAW IN ACTION

### In The Jury Room

As a juror you've heard the case and now are retiring to the jury room. There you first select a foreman to preside at your deliberations and to bring your verdict into court.

In the jury room you should speak your mind freely and without fear and yet hear what others think with respect and attention, to the end that sensible and sound views shall win out.

Decide on the evidence and the law as the judge instructed you. Keep in mind other things the judge may have said — about the evidence, how to decide what to believe, and who has the burden of proof. Weigh the lawyer's arguments.

In a civil case a plaintiff should recover if he proves his case upon the "preponderance of the evidence." (In a criminal case proof must be "beyond a reasonable doubt.") Since the verdict should speak the probable truth on the disputed points, each juror should use his utmost

skill, fairness, and honesty to reach a just verdict in a lawsuit.

In each case you hear as a juror, you will get the forms of the verdict. In California in a civil case three-fourths of the jurors may reach a decision. In a criminal case, the jury must all agree on a verdict.

The foreman signs the verdict, and the jury comes back to take their places in the jury box. The foreman hands the clerk the verdict and he hands it to the judge. The judge then returns it and tells the clerk to read it aloud. The judge asks the jurors if such is their verdict. Either party may have the jury polled and it is the duty of each juror to answer truthfully whether the verdict read is his.

When you have done this the judge as a rule will thank you. For you will have done one of the highest services a citizen can do.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

## YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

### The Gate After 14 Years

Dear Ann: I need some good advice in a hurry. I was engaged to a man for 14 years. The subject of marriage was raised now and then but he always had some logical excuse. He encouraged me to keep working and "save for our future." Somehow, the years got away from me.

Last summer he started to correspond with a divorced woman. She came to town for a few visits but I was too dumb to know what they were up to. A few friends tried to wise me up, but love is blind and I refused to believe what was so obvious to everyone else.

It's official now. They're going to be married in a church ceremony next month. I'm humiliated and ashamed. I'm also very burned up. Here's the question: Shall I sue him for breach of promise? He has plenty of money and maybe I ought to get a little something for my trouble. Please advise me—Jilted.

I'm no lawyer, but I DO give advice. Stay out of court. You were a prize boob to let this man string you for 14 years. Why make it a matter of public record and advertise it?

Assuming you could wring some cash out of the guy, would it be worth it to launder your soiled linen in public? While slinging mud on the former Romeo you could not avoid getting plenty on yourself. But your energies into making a new life. Forget you ever knew this man — and hope everyone else does.

Dear Ann: Our daughter, 14, reads your column religiously. Maybe if YOU say something it will help. I'm exhausted.

This girl refuses to wear the same outfit twice within a week. Clothes are her whole life, and in order to keep up the "style show" she borrows from all her friends.

She has plenty of her own things to wear but it's variety

she craves, so she finds excuses: "This is too small, that is out of style" etc. These are not just discussions now, Ann, they are screaming and yelling sessions. Everyone in the family is on edge because of her temperament.

Last night she stated flatly, when informed we couldn't afford to buy her a new semi-formal for the Junior Prom, that she would not go at all rather than wear an "old dress." Can you drill some sense in this child's head? Please try.—C.M.P.

I can't straighten out this Wardrobe Wacky Wilma in one letter—a magician I'm not, but here's a word to her sponsor—YOU:

Get back in the driver's seat before this 14-year-old drives you loony. Put a ban on all borrowing at once and let her know you mean business. Devote an evening to her clothes closet. Have her try on everything she owns, and decide together what is "too small" etc. Be fair. Kids do outrageous things, and don't insist she wear things that don't fit.

If she'd rather stay home from the Prom than go in an "old dress," say nothing. When the word gets around (and it always does) her clothes problems will be reduced considerably, because no one will ask her to go anywhere.

Dear Ann: I'm about to be divorced from a man who was such a mama's boy that he made a nervous wreck out of me. I'd like to use my maiden name again and forget I ever knew this punk.

My friends tell me it's not the proper thing to do. Some say it's immoral to try to pass myself off as a "maiden" when I've been married. If I don't change back to my maiden name, would it be all right to use MY first name instead of HIS, like Mrs. Betty Brown? Please give me some advice.—P.D.Q.

You failed to mention an

## GLAZED BITS by Borney Glozer

### Bonjour, Cassidy!

Cassidy was visiting Paris for the first time. He was introduced to a French businessman in the lobby of the hotel. The Frenchman bowed and said: "Bonjour." Cassidy bowed in return and said: "Cassidy." This was repeated each time the two met until one day the hotel clerk told Cassidy that "bonjour" was not the Frenchman's name but "good morning." The next day the two met again. This time Cassidy bowed deeply and said: "Bonjour." The Frenchman hesitated, then smiled and replied: "Cassidy."

A police car was transporting two drunks to the local pokey. Suddenly a streamliner train passed them going in the opposite direction. One drunk turned to the other and said: "Djase that city we just drove through?" The other drunk replied: "Yuh, and we'd better go back. That first house was on fire."

Now I know why so many of our male population are wearing beards—to hide their Christmas and birthday ties.

When asked who hit him the hardest blow of his career, ex-heavyweight Boxing Champ Joe Louis replied: "Uncle Sam's income tax collector."

If you're out of a job, contact your Senator. He'll set up a committee to investigate why there are no jobs and appoint you head of the committee at a salary of \$10,000 per year.

Don't you believe it when you're told that worrying doesn't do any good. I worry all the time about hundreds of things and none of them ever happen.

Any idiot can gossip, tattletale, complain and lie, and do

you know something — most of them do!

One thing in favor of growing old — by that time we're able to recognize a mistake when we make it again.

All my life I have hoped to become wealthy. But now I'm glad I didn't quite make it. If I was loaded, look at all the fun I would have missed making that last installment.

There are 170 million people in the United States. Out of this amount 49 million are over 65; 66 million are under 21; 29 million work for the government; 2 million are drunks and bums who won't work; 126 thousand are in hospitals or disabled; 73,998 are in jail; which leaves only two people to do all the work in this country. That leaves you and me. So get busy, will you please? I'm tired of running this country all by myself!

It isn't easy these days to hire efficient help as one tired business executive learned recently. His secretary's letters were filled with so many errors he finally had his stationery printed with the following footnote: "She can't type but you ought to see her shape!"

Fear builds barriers between men but these barriers disappear completely when men have faith in one another. Miracles can be worked in an atmosphere of faith and confidence. (This item was written one day before someone swiped my hubcaps.)

In Clayton, Missouri, Roy M. Wolf, children's dentist, learned that white uniforms frighten children. He now dresses in green shoes, yellow trousers, and a colored sport shirt and is doing a dandy business.

important detail. Do you have children? If so, you don't want to go around calling yourself Miss Smith, no matter how much you dislike your ex-husband.

If you have no children, it's perfectly all right to use your maiden name if you wish. In any case, however you can drop his first name and use your own (Mrs. Betty Brown).

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

## Mail Box

### She's Sold

Editor, Torrance HERALD: For some time I have been reading complaints in your readers' column about the grading system in Torrance elementary schools.

Well, I have had occasion to know plenty of school marking arrangements since we have had children in school since 1936, and nowhere have we been able to know as much about what they are doing and where they stand academically than here in the Torrance Unified School District.

I read one letter from a family of the old-fashioned school who wanted the ABC method. I wonder how old-fashioned they really are.

Does the mother wash clothes on a board and does pop carry his lunch and walk miles to work? I doubt it very much. Why do the parents want to keep the old ABC marking system in a world of progress? Perhaps they don't want to take the time for teacher-parent conferences.

Surely they can spare a few minutes every few weeks to talk to the teacher. In this way you are shown the child's work and you know if they are working or wasting their time and the teacher's. Our fourth child is now in the eighth grade and he is our third one to benefit by the Torrance system.

I only wish it were possible to have this teacher-parent conference relationship in high school.

We have had a few personal problems which could have been solved in no way by a report card marked ABC. But the teachers were so understanding and helpful the problem was soon taken care of.

In the present marking system there need never be the feeling of the parent going to school to "straighten things out" as in the old way. Now things can be checked at conference time and it is a much better way, I believe.

Recently, the eighth grade students and parents had a meeting to plan what subjects were to be taken in high school. This was a very good idea and I only wish I could have had the same opportunity to do this with the three older children in our family.

I think Torrance's system is the best and improving all the time. Especially I believe the teachers at Walteria School are a very considerate, conscientious group.

Let's progress and not look back to the old ways. We have four grandchildren growing up and I only hope it will be possible for them all to enjoy the privilege of Torrance's school system.

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